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| Group Art Unit: 3679               |  |
| Examiner: Ernesto Garcia           |  |
| Docket No: 275143.100              |  |

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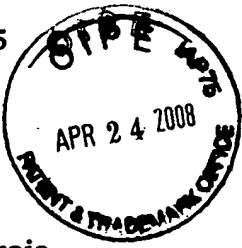
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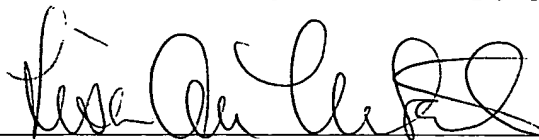
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